

Priceless Baby 51

Chapter 51: An Unforgettable Taste

Huo Yunshen didn't have to wait too long before Xu Xiyan set a hearty and skillfully prepared breakfast on the table.

There were meat porridges, sandwiches, a platter of fresh vegetables, beautifully shaped poached eggs, and a little plate of pickles.

Xu Xiyan scooped some porridge into a bowl and placed it in front of Huo Yunshen. She also handed him a sandwich.

"What do you think, Mr. Huo? I haven't cooked for a long time," she said modestly. "I'm afraid I'm quite rusty at it."

When Xu Xiyan was abroad, she was so busy that she often had no time to cook and ended up fixing quick and easy meals.

She knew that this was one of the reasons Ying Bao had always wanted to buy a daddy: one who can cook and would never let her go hungry.

Huo Yunshen took a bite of a sandwich and tasted the meat porridge. His eyes went wide in surprise.

"Mmm, not bad! They're very tasty, much better than the ones I make."

Xu Xiyan was relieved. She smiled.

"You are too modest, Mr. Huo. My cooking skills are still no match for yours. You're still better."

Indeed, Huo Yunshen's cooking was the kind that you would not forget after just a bite.

"You should eat, too!" Huo Yunshen beckoned to her.

"Thank you."

Xu Xiyan sat down in the same chair she had sat in the last time and dined with him.

They finished their breakfast. The two were supposed to go to Jingyue Entertainment together, but Xu Xiyan received a call from Fang Xiaocheng. Something was up, and Xu Xiyan had to cancel their appointment.

"I am sorry, Mr. Huo, can we go to Jingyue Entertainment some other day? An emergency has come up."

"No problem. Do you need any help?"

"No, it's alright! My friend wasn't feeling well and I guess she's in the hospital now. I have to go and see her."

Xu Xiyan couldn't tell Huo Yunshen the truth. The one who fell ill was Ying Bao. Fang Xiaocheng had told her on the phone that Ying Bao had just been diagnosed with acute gastroenteritis, and she'd been brought to the People's Hospital for treatment.

"Which hospital?"

Seeing that he was determined to dig deeper into the matter, Xu Xiyao reluctantly answered, "The First People's Hospital."

Xu Xiyao grabbed her bag. "Okay I have to go now." She hurried out the door.

It was raining quite heavily outside, but Xu Xiyao didn't bring an umbrella.

She planned to use her bag to cover her head from the rain, but she heard Huo Yunshen's voice calling after her.

"It's raining so hard, and you don't have an umbrella. Let me send you there...I have to go to the First People's Hospital, anyway."

"Mr. Huo, you don't have to send me there. I can catch a taxi when I'm outside."

Xu Xiyao turned and looked at him skeptically. She couldn't figure out the real reason why he wanted to go to the hospital. Was it because he really needed to, or did he just want to accompany her there?

"No, it's really no trouble. I'll just drop you off since we both have to go there anyways. I go to the hospital for my rehabilitation on this day every week."

Huo Yunshen lifted his head slightly, his dark eyes sparkling. They were full of tenderness and sincerity.

After listening to his words, Xu Xiyao felt even more touched. He hadn't told her that he had to do rehabilitation on this day every week, and yet when she had told him she was free to go to Jingyue today, he decided to accompany her instead.

He was willing to skip rehabilitation to accompany her. Oh, what a sincere man!

"Sorry, I didn't know about your schedule."

Xu Xiyao was blaming herself for her ignorance.

"Don't be sorry, you'll have plenty of opportunities to know me in the future."

Huo Yunshen handed her an umbrella. "The car's here. Let's go. You're in a hurry, right?"

Chapter 52: He Wanted to Stand Again

Xu Xiyao didn't say anything further. She took the blue checkered umbrella from Huo Yunshen and got into the van.

She really wanted to thank Huo Yunshen for taking care of her. She would save a ton of time by riding with him.

The car drove quickly and steadily. In just a few minutes, they had arrived at the general hospital.

Xu Xiyao thanked Huo Yunshen after the car had stopped in front of the hospital. She took the umbrella and ran inside.

After seeing Xu Xiyao off, Huo Yunshen asked his driver to drive him to the hospital's rehabilitation center.

Huo Yunshen really had intended to perform his rehabilitation at the hospital. His rehab was scheduled for every Saturday ever since he got into the accident five years ago. But, in truth, until two years ago, he had been avoiding them.

For the first three years after he was in the accident, he had shut himself in. He'd lived in pain and depression every single day.

The shocking news that he would be paralyzed from the waist down for the rest of his life was devastating to a proud man like him. He had no idea how to live on, and was afraid to go outside.

But two years ago, when he met a counselor named Yim, he became more optimistic.

Miss Yim told him stories about many handicaps who faced their obstacle head-on and succeeded in changing their own fate. She kept encouraging him, telling him that even if life was difficult, he'd have to face it with a smile. Yim believed that with enough conviction, a person could find the strength to change their own fate.

It was Miss Yim who'd motivated him to challenge his fate and take up rehabilitation, one day at a time, until today.

He'd successfully destroyed the devil that was lurking in his heart and body. He was no longer weak and afraid like he used to be five years ago.

Even though he was still unable to walk, his heart was filled with hope and trust.

Huo Yunshen met up with his attending physician, Professor Qin Kun, at the rehab center. Professor Qin was in his fifties, a passionate and reliable doctor. He'd been conducting Huo Yunshen's rehabilitation ever since he agreed to participate in it.

After greeting his doctor, Huo Yunshen began to discuss the rehabilitation process with him.

He sat in a special-made wheelchair as Qin Kun began to help him stretch.

Bending the legs is an easy task for most people, but to people who are paralyzed, every movement comes with extreme pain and difficulty

Huo Yunshen was drenched in sweat after finishing the exercises. After checking Huo Yunshen's leg muscle, Qin Kun said, "Not bad Yunshen. Your muscles are in better shape than when you last came in."

Huo Yunshen was filled with joy after hearing Qin Kun's comment. He felt both confident and hopeful that he'd definitely get better.

"That's all for today," Qin Kun said after checking his watch. "Please rest a while."

"I don't need the rest. Could you help me do it again? Please?" Huo Yunshen was practically begging.

No one other than Huo Yunshen, himself, understood what he was feeling. Ever since he'd finally found Xu Xiyan, he wanted to get better quickly so he would be able to stand again.

Only then would he be able to stand by her side and protect her.

He didn't want to live as a handicapped person anymore; he just wanted to be able to stand.

His determination was what pushed him to try and recover as soon as possible.

He believed in the professor, he believed in himself. Someday, I'll be able to stand again! Definitely!

Qin Kun acknowledged Huo Yunshen's resolution and agreed to help him go through the exercises one more time.

Xu Xiyan found the ward that Ying Bao was in and entered. Both Fang Xiaocheng and Wang Dazhi were there to accompany the kid.

Ying Bao was lying in her bed, an IV drip hung beside her. Her little face was pale, as if there was no blood at all. Her eyes were closed, and she looked as if she could be sleeping soundly.

"Orange, how's Ying Bao?"

Chapter 53: Butt Clenching

Xu Xiyan walked over to the hospital bed and looked down at Ying Bao, her heart aching in her chest. She had only left her daughter for one day, and she'd become sick. Xu Xiyan felt like an incompetent mother.

Fang Xiaocheng spoke quietly, not wanting to wake the child. "She just fell asleep. She will recover soon. She was crying about a stomach ache when she got up in the morning, and after that she had diarrhea and she vomited. I was so scared. Then I called Da Zhi and we brought her to the hospital. She has acute gastroenteritis. The doctor said it's due to a bacterial infection, but it may also be that she's not accustomed to the climate here."

"Oh dear..." said Xu Xiyan. "I should've come back last night."

Xu Xiyan understood, and believed that the main cause for the illness was the climate. After all, Ying Bao had lived in Estan since she was born four years ago. The climate there was pleasant and it was not like the erratic temperatures of Peijing.

"What could you have done, even if you came back?" asked Fang Xiaocheng, consoling her. "Ying Bao still has to acclimatize herself to this city, and it was inevitable that this would happen. Don't blame yourself anymore, the doctor said that she just needs to stay in the hospital for two days and she will be all right."

"Thank you! I'm glad that you and Da Zhi were there to help."

"What are you talking about? You don't have to be modest with me."

Fang Xiaocheng patted Xu Xiyan on the back of her hand, then remembered the doctor's advice. "Oh, right, the doctor said we can give Ying Bao a little porridge to fill her stomach after she wakes up."

A nurse came in and handed Xu Xiyan a medical invoice. After taking a look at it, she turned to Fang Xiaocheng. "Can you stay here with Ying Bao for me? I'll go pay the bill, then I'll go home and cook some porridge for her."

"Why don't you give me the bill? Let me go pay the fee and cook the porridge for her instead."

Fang Xiaocheng was worried that the task would be too exhausting for Xu Xiyan. She had seen the new scars on her arm, and guessed that she must have had a very tough day performing stunts the day before.

"No, it's okay. I'll go and I'll be back soon."

Xu Xiyan took the invoice and walked out quickly. She was very grateful that Fang Xiaocheng and Da Zhi had helped to take care of her child, and she could not bear to let them pay the bills for her.

When Xu Xiyan arrived at the admissions payment counter, there were two people in front of her who had just settled their discharge procedures and were preparing to leave.

"Why, if it isn't President Chu and Miss Xu."

Xu Xiyan stood in front of the two, smiling. They were wearing flu masks and sunglasses like armor, but Xu Xiyan could still recognize them at a glance.

Upon hearing the voice of Xu Xiyan, Chu Yuhe felt his butt clenching tight.

Xu Xinrou looked at her and frowned. She hadn't expected to meet Xu Xiyan here.

Xu Xiyan deliberately put on a clueless expression. "What brings you two to the hospital? Was somebody sick? President Chu, you seem to be limping. Have you come to get your hemorrhoids removed?"

Chu Yuhe: "..."

All thanks to her, his butt had been stabbed and wounded.

If they weren't in public, and if Xu Xinrou wasn't there with him, he wouldn't have hesitated to hatefully tear Xu Xiyan apart.

"Xu Xiyan, don't you fool with me. Yu He is fine, I tell you!"

Xu Xinrou had a different status now, as she was famous. She was afraid that the public would recognize her, and she kept covering her face with her hands.

"Oh really? I hope that you won't be offended by my words, but I do seem to remember from the news that this might not be the case! It seems that President Chu was sodo—"

Xu Xinrou interrupted her. "Shut up. Stop talking! What, are you worried everyone won't find out his identity? Are you happy to see him wallow in shame? He's treated you well all these years, you know!"

"Oh, hold it right there! Don't think that I don't know anything! When we were in an official relationship back then, you guys had already hooked up...."

Chapter 54: Doing Unlawful Things Behind Her Back

"I don't care if he was the one who cheated on me or if you seduced him," said Xu Xiyan. "All I know was the rubbish that I threw away five years ago was picked up by you."

Xu Xiyan didn't hold back. The reason she'd returned to Zstan was to punish the people who'd hurt her. The more they suffered, the happier she'd be.

Xu Xinrou's face darkened. Xu Xiyan wasn't wrong...Xu Xinrou really did feel like she'd picked up some scrap that Xu Xiyan had thrown away.

Xu Xinrou looked at the guy standing beside her, who was cowering like an idiot. Chu Yuhe had already lost the charm he had when she first met him, and now he was afraid of everything.

Xu Xinrou would've kicked him out if he wasn't the CEO of Juxing Entertainment. He was still worth something.

Yet Xu Xinrou had never thought that he would do unlawful things behind her back, or that she'd have to clean it up for him.

Chu Yuhe was furious at Xu Xiyan for exposing them.

"Xu Xiyan! Keep your mouth shut! I only started dating your sister after we broke up, we did not do anything scandalous. Do not come near us again! I'm warning you!"

After scolding Xu Xiyan, Chu Yuhe turned to Xu Xinrou. "Babe, let's go. Let's not waste any more of our time talking to any insignificant people."

Xu Xinrou was already prepared to leave. As soon as she heard that, she ignored Xu Xiyan and left with Chu Yuhe. They kept their heads low as they left.

Xu Xiyan stood and waved her hand. "Mr. Chu, I hope your buttock heals soon! Oh, I wish both of you a happy relationship, too!"

Xu Xinrou climbed into the car angrily. She even ignored Chu Yuhe when he was trying to talk to her.

She was disgusted by what Xu Xiyan had said, and her hatred kept rising.

Five years! She's like a different person! She's more vicious than ever. I must think of a way to get rid of her.

Xu Xiyan already knew about my relationship with Chu Yuhe...looks like I don't have to keep up the caring sister act anymore.

You'd better watch your back, Xu Xiyan. I'll make your life miserable if you keep getting in my way!

After paying Ying Bao's hospital bill, Xu Xiyan walked towards the hospital's front door. The rain was still pouring heavily outside, and many people were waiting under the awning.

She was lucky that Huo Yunshen had given her an umbrella when they came. Just as she was about to open it, she heard some gossip coming from the crowd.

"Hey, isn't that the award-winning actor, Huo Yunshen?"

"That's him! He got the international best actor award for his role in '24 Hours of Life.' He was known as the Prince Charming of the showbiz and was one of the most sought-after superstars."

Upon hearing the the gossip, Xu Xiyan's heart skipped a beat. She put down her umbrella and looked toward where the crowd was watching.

Huo Yunshen was sitting there, sheltering himself from the rain.

A few bodyguards in black were guarding him while he sat in his wheelchair.

He wore a pair of black sunglasses that covered his handsome features. In his black v-neck T-shirt, he looked elegant and sexy. Yet, it seemed his coolness was telling people to stay away from him.

Did he finish his rehab?

Is he trapped by the rain too?

The wind was blowing hard, and raindrops landed on his knees. Xu Xiyao began to feel a sense of bitterness in her heart...she was worried about him.

The gossip continued.

"His spine was injured in an accident five years ago. Now his lower limbs are paralyzed. What a pity. A superstar, dropped from the sky..."

"Did he offend someone he shouldn't have?"

"Who knows. Fame can be dangerous..."

Chapter 55: An Unspeakable Heartache

Five years ago—because of a car accident—the super star Huo Yunshen fell straight from the heavens into hell, his future shattered to dust.

Ever since then, he had gradually disappeared from public view and quietly retired from the entertainment circle.

No one knew the amount of despair and pain he had to go through before he was finally able to climb out of the muck to travel to the hospital for rehabilitation every week.

"I'm not sure whether rehabilitation works... when will he be able to get rid of the wheelchair?"

"So what if he finally gets rid of the wheelchair? I heard that he still wouldn't be able to "do it" anymore. It's impossible for him to get married and have children!"

"Does that mean that his family legacy ends with him? Not a single child! He will be childless for the rest of his life!"

"With that beautiful face, he might as well become a woman..."

"I agree. He was very manly whenever he played a tough guy, but he's also played women before, and he was more seductive than the Whore of Babylon."

They ridiculed and mocked him. Xu Xiyao clenched her jaw as she listened to these people, and felt an unspeakable heartache.

Deep inside, she did not want anyone to slander Huo Yunshen.

It was as if she had this instinct and she felt the urge to protect the dignity of this once brilliant international super star, and boldly decided to do something about it.

She snuck her bag under her shirt and shoved her way through the crowd towards Huo Yunshen, shielding him with her umbrella from the light rain.

Huo Yunshen felt something shading him from above and looked up. He saw a pair of beautiful eyes looking down at him, bright and twinkling like stars, and a heartwarming smile beaming down.

He was lost for words.

He didn't expect Xu Xiyan to look for him first.

Xu Xiyan smiled gently, her voice sweet, though deliberately loud.

"Husband, I'm here."

Huo Yunshen: "..."

Was he hearing things? What did she just call him? What? Was it... "husband"?

"The exam is over. The doctor said that the baby is very healthy."

Xu Xiyan was putting her acting skills into good use. Whether it was a simple expression or the act of looking into his eyes, she appeared as a wife looking down at her beloved husband.

Huo Yunshen: "..."

Err... Was she putting on an act for him?

The sharp-minded Huo Yunshen finally understood what was going on. She could not stand those people gossiping about him, and had decided to help save his reputation!

Truth be told, it was not worth doing that. The gossip would have bothered him two years ago, and he would've felt inferior.

But now, he didn't give a damn how people looked at him.

And surely enough, the tone of the group of gossipers became different after Xu Xiyan's appearance.

"Is Elvis already married?"

"He even had a child...who said that he couldn't 'do it'?"

"When did he get married?"

"I never heard about him marrying. It might be a secret marriage..."

A luxurious-looking celebrity van drove over and stopped in front of them.

The show must still go on.

Xu Xiyan handed her umbrella to a nearby bodyguard and pushed Huo Yunshen's wheelchair, saying loudly, "Let's go home, dear!"

"..." Huo Yunshen did not open his mouth the whole time. He didn't even touch the controls of his electric wheelchair and allowed her push it for him instead.

However, just in hearing those few words, his heart was already soaring.

He had a wonderful thought.

Was Xu Xiyan starting to pay attention to him? Care about him? Protect him?

Chapter 56: It Instantly Became a Huge Scandal

Wow! Being cared for by my wife sure feels good! It's so warm...

The door opened, and Xu Xiyan pushed Huo Yunshen into the van. After the wheelchair was secured in place, the van pulled away from the hospital.

Xu Xiyan sat on the sofa inside the van, brushing off droplets from her hair and shirt. She took out her bag that she'd been covering with her shirt and smiled at Huo Yunshen.

"Mr. Huo, did you finish your rehab for today?"

"Yup." Huo Yunshen's dark, cool eyes appeared to convey great sentiment, as he looked at Xu Xiyan affectionately.

With droplets still clinging to her face, Xu Xiyan looked like a lotus leaf in the morning. The view in front of him was pure, fresh and too beautiful for any person to avert their gaze.

As Xu Xiyan raised her head, Huo Yunshen quickly turned, embarrassed.

"Were you worried about me just now?" he asked. "You don't actually have to mind what others say about me, you know."

If he really minded what other people said about him, he would've died long ago from the amount of scandals he'd endured.

Xu Xiyan smiled and explained. "It's not what you think it is. I'm just tired of hearing those good-for-nothing people bad-mouthing you."

Isn't that the same as worrying about me?

Huo Yunshen's soft heart fluttered. "Thank you. I've actually gotten used to it after all these years. When you're at your bottom, most will just laugh at you, and only a handful of people will actually come to your aid." Huo Yunshen sighed.

"That will change now that you've met me. If anyone dares to bad-mouth you again, I'll punish every single one of them."

Huo Yunshen laughed. Her words were warmer than a fire in winter. He was deeply touched.

I'll do whatever it takes to repay her kindness, even if it means sacrificing myself!

Xu Xiyan took a towel from the counter in the van and sat beside Huo Yunshen. She helped him to wipe off the rain that was left on his hair and shoulders.

Huo Yunshen sat there quietly, enjoying the help from Xu Xiyan. After she has finished wiping off all the water, Huo Yunshen asked, "how's your friend? Will she be all right?"

Xu Xiyan thought of Ying Bao who was still in the hospital. She was stunned for a moment.

"Yes, she's better now. I'm going to make some congee for her later."

Xu Xiyan looked outside the window and noticed that they were driving towards Shengshi Yujing.

"Hey, can you ask the driver to stop here?" Xu Xiyan asked. "I need to get out."

"Sure thing." Huo Yunshen took out a mic and ordered the driver to turn around. "Drive us to the Blueberry Community."

The Blueberry Community was where Fang Xiaocheng was staying. Xu Xiyan had never thought that Huo Yunshen would actually let the driver drive them there.

"Mr. Huo, you don't really need to drive me there. I could have taken the taxi."

"It's fine. It's a short drive, anyways."

Even though his voice was soft, there was a hint of force in it.

As she saw the van turn towards the Blueberry Community, Xu Xiyan didn't argue any further.

Xu Xiyan had never thought that her simple act in front of the hospital would cause a massive uproar overnight. It has become the most-searched topic on Weibo.

One result read "Showbiz Emperor Huo Yunshen Married? Wife Thought To Be An Outsider."

In a few pictures taken by netizens on their smartphones, it was clear as day that the one sitting in the wheelchair was Huo Yunshen. Yet those pictures had only caught the back of the beautiful lady pushing it.

Huo Yunshen had gone into hiding after the accident five years ago. He lived a simple life, avoiding each and every spotlight.

But now, the moment he'd come back to the spotlight, it instantly became a huge scandal.

Chapter 57: The Wife Is Pregnant

It had instantly become a huge scandal.

Elvis was married.

And, his wife was pregnant...

Thousands were curious about the identity of the woman who stood behind him.

The whole of Yunhai Entertainment was in pandemonium in the morning. The employees were busy gossiping among themselves.

Has the boss found a life partner already?

Has his body and that "part" recovered?

Not only was the company employees' chat group buzzing with commotion, but the internal Huo family chat group was also in a chaos.

Three Eyes: [WTF! Have you guys seen the news?]

QiQi: [What news??]

Three Eyes: [It's about Yun Shen!]

A message was sent with photos attached.

QiQi: [No way, when did little brother marry? Why didn't he invite us to his wedding? Aaaaah! This can't be true! Why didn't anyone tell me anything! Damn you guys! Why!]

Jing Jing: [This is just another rumor! Little brother never even mentioned that he had a girlfriend!]

Three Eyes: [But it's gone viral online! They're saying that little brother has a wife and a child, and the news is trending fast on the web. Is it really true?]

Jing Jing: [Why don't we just tag little brother and ask him!]

Three Eyes: [Oh right! @Yunhai ShenShen @Yunhai ShenShen @Yunhai ShenShen]

The three in the chat were Huo Yunshen's older sisters. Jing Jing was Huo Yunshen's eldest sister, Huo Yijing. QiQi was his second eldest sister, Huo Erqi. Three Eyes was Huo Yunshen's third eldest sister, Huo Sanyan.

Huo Yunshen was the youngest in the Huo family and he was loved by his three sisters. His two older sisters were already married. Only the youngest sister was still single.

All three sisters shared a few things in common. They were modern and independent career women, and they were possessive devils who spoiled their little brother.

They did not manage to bring Huo Yunshen into their conversation. Instead—and because the word "child" had been mentioned—they'd managed to fish out Huo Zhen, who was often lurking in the chat group.

Don of the Huo Family: [Child? Since when did my youngest have a child? Our family now has an heir? Where? How old?]

Three Eyes: [Omg! Dad! We've only just heard about it ourselves. It's just a rumor and it doesn't mean that it is necessarily true, so don't get too excited yet. Let me go find little brother and ask him what's going on, then I'll tell you guys about it later!]

After that, the third sister Huo Sanyan carried out her familial duty, barging into Huo Yunshen's office.

"My dear little brootheeerrr!"

Huo Yunshen was busy with his work. He'd heard someone cry out, but there was no need to look up to see who it was. He knew instantly that it was his kooky third sister.

She must be up to no good again!

Huo Sanyan acted nothing like a proper lady. After barreling into his office, she slammed her palms onto his desk and leaned in close.

"Brobrobrobrobrob...is it true? Is it true?"

"What are you talking about?"

Huo Yunshen put down his pen and lifted his cool eyes, looking at her, puzzled.

"You've found a partner? Where is she from? How old? Is she pretty?"

Huo Sanyan fluttered her eyelashes at Huo Yunshen, looking like a stereotypical busybody. She was three years older than he was, and they generally got along very well.

Everyone in the entertainment circle knew that Huo Sanyan could be a persistent, even pushy person. She used to be a famous award-winning entertainment journalist, but now she had become the director of Yunhai Entertainment's public relations department.

"Director Huo, where did you hear the gossip from?"

Huo Yunshen already knew what Huo Sanyan had meant. He had already seen the news about his "loving wife" and what had happened at the hospital entrance. But he hadn't ordered his staff to deal with it. He didn't think it was a bad thing to have some rumors spread about him and Xu Xiyan.

"It's gone viral! Don't tell me you don't know anything! Just look at the papers!"

Chapter 58: The Only Girl That He's Close To

Huo Sanyan slammed the front page of the entertainment newspaper in front of Huo Yunshen and pointed at the back of the unidentified girl..

"You better come clean. Who is this?"

Huo Sanyan wasn't just there for the gossip. She was actually worried about Huo Yunshen's life and future.

Since the accident five years ago, the people who cared about him had to watch him suffer and fall into despair. They did offer him their assistance, but none of them had truly succeeded.

Now that Huo Yunshen had finally escaped his past and begun a new life, his family was happy for him. They were delighted to hear that he might've found someone he cared for, and hoped that the news was real. They wanted him to have someone who would stay by his side forever.

They didn't really mind who the person was or where she came from, as long as she was willing to stay by his side without discrimination. She would be the benefactor of the Huo family.

"What do you mean?" Huo Yunshen wanted to change the topic. Even though this sister of his had quit being an entertainment reporter some time ago, she was still just as interested in gossip.

"As the director of Yunhai Entertainment's Public Relations department, aren't you supposed to be taking care of this problem? What are you doing gossiping around here?"

"Hey, everyone likes some good gossip, you know. And it's not every day you get to hear some love interest gossips about yourself. I think we should have more of those! Dad, mom, and your sisters, including me, were praying like crazy for you to enter a good relationship with someone.

"..." Huo Yunshen began to wonder if the sister in front of him was adopted or something.

As Huo Yunshen remained quiet, Huo Sanyan continued.

"Try to think harder. Did you had a one night stand with anyone before?"

"What are you implying?"

"Well, maybe you have an illegitimate child somewhere that we don't know of. That would mean that the Huo family will finally have an heir. Mum and dad would love to see that."

Huo Sanyan rubbed her hand, her eyes wide open.

"But seriously, was there ever any girl that you were close to?"

"Nope. You know that I have heterophobia."

But the fact was he used to be quite close with Tang Shixue when he was in Mstan. Now, the only girl that was really close to him was Xu Xiyan.

Yet Huo Yunshen sincerely believed that now wasn't the right time to introduce Xu Xiyan into the picture.

Their relationship hadn't even truly begun yet. If Xu Xiyan was pressured by his family, she could just get intimidated and leave.

"Don't you dare try to use that. Your "heterophobia" excuse might've convinced mum, dad, and the other more gullible sisters, but definitely not me. Do you really think I'm that stupid?"

Huo Sanyan raised her eyebrows. She had already heard from Tang Yichen that her brother made up the heterophobia issue to prevent the family from introducing different him to so many different women.

Huo Yunshen sighed and looked at his sister. "I'm telling you the truth. I don't even know who the girl in the picture is. You used to be an entertainment reporter yourself; can't you see that this girl was just trying to use the situation to gain fame?"

Huo Sanyan studied the picture in the paper again.

Now that he mentions it, it really does seem that way...

Since Huo Yunshen had denied the scandal himself, Huo Sanyan stopped pressuring her brother and sighed.

"Why does it have to be fake news? If you'd found your true love, mum, dad, and our sisters might stop pressuring me to find someone for myself..."

"Sister Sanyan, are you really worried about my future or are you just trying to stop mom and dad urging you to get married?"

The smart Huo Yunshen had caught on quickly.

The third sister of his was a celibatarian. Even if she was already in her 30's, she had yet to find a partner. Though she didn't pay much attention to it, her families were anxious about it.

After having her true intentions exposed, Huo Sanyan laughed awkwardly. She took Huo Yunshen's hand...

Chapter 59: Kabedon'ed

"Oh, my dear brother, how sharp-minded you are. You know that I don't want to get married. So whether it's for me, for you, or for the Huo family, it's still better that you're the one who finds a life partner. That way, mom and dad won't be so anxious."

Huo Yunshen smiled helplessly.

"I do want to find a life partner, but, who would want a cripple like me?"

"Huo Yunshen!!"

Huo Sanyan's tone had changed and she was getting a little angry.

"How many times have I told you not to say those self-deprecating words?"

Huo Sanyan realized that she'd gone over the top and quickly softened her voice.

"Brother, what did you just say? You want to find a partner? You're worried that people won't even glance at you? You have nothing to worry about! My dear brother is the best man in the world. It will be a great blessing for any woman who finds you."

"And even though you're not in a good shape now," she continued, "I still believe in you. I'm sure one day you will overcome your obstacles! Work hard, brother!"

"Thank you!"

Huo Yunshen returned a smile. He knew that even though he'd become a cripple, his family had never given up on him. They would always stand behind him, encourage him, and support him.

"Okay then, I'll let you finish your work. See you!"

Although she did not manage to pry any valuable information from her brother's mouth, Huo Sanyan did not continue to press him. She comforted her brother and let him continue his work, leaving his office.

After all, Huo Sanyan was formerly an award-winning entertainment journalist. She could tell whether the rumors in the entertainment circle were intentionally fabricated. Her "three eyes" were sharp and discerning, and she could usually tell whether a news report was fake or real.

Though she believed her brother's words, she still had a nagging suspicion.

Huo Sanyan walked into the elevator and inside she saw Yi Xiao who had just returned from some errands. Huo Sanyan's eyes lit up, and she moved over to block Yi Xiao from exiting.

Yi Xiao could not get out. He looked up, and saw the person who had blocked him was his boss's third eldest sister. He quickly greeted her.

"Director Huo."

Huo Sanyan smiled and stepped closer and closer to him, backing him into the wall. He couldn't escape.

"Director Huo, what...what do you want?" Yi Xiao asked nervously.

Huo Sanyan could be a boorish woman when it came to getting what she wanted. She stretched out an arm and slapped it onto the wall beside Yi Xiao's neck.

"Xi Yiao," she began. "Have you been responsible for managing the president's affairs lately?"

"Uh huh," said Yi Xiao timidly as he stood frozen in Miss Huo's katedon, a maneuver which is often used in an attempt at seduction, but in this moment, was being used as means to entrap.

He had always heard that Huo Sanyan was a tough woman and today he was seeing it up close. So it is true.

"Have you noticed him behaving strangely lately? I mean, is there someone he fancies? Has he been seeing anyone?" Huo Sanyan looked straight into Yi Xiao's eyes.

Behaving strangely?

Of course.

Since the appearance of Miss Xu Xiyan, the young master had changed. He would no longer lose his temper as easily, nor would he slip into depressive moods. He was even more engaged with his work now.

But now that Huo Sanyan was asking, he could not tell her.

He knew the affairs of his young master. For five years his young master had been in love with Miss Xu Xiyan, and for five years he had been waiting for her. However, Yi Xiao could not disclose this matter to anyone, as his young master had ordered him not to.

The severe lack of space between them made Yi Xiao very nervous and embarrassed. He was starting to sweat.

He pretended to be calm as he answered.

"No. The young master had been focusing on his work."

"Really?"

"Yes—"

Huo Sanyan was about to continue the interrogation, but the elevator doors opened.

Mr. Li from the human resources department stepped in and saw them in the middle of a katedon. Obviously shocked at what he saw, he retracted his foot from the elevator and apologized.

"Oh sorry, sorry! Carry on."

Yi Xiao was lost for words.

Mr. Li! No! Don't go!

It's really not what you think!

Chapter 60: Fell in Love at First Sight

Huo Sanyan noticed that she was getting too close to Yi Xiao and quickly drew back her arm. She took a few steps back.

After Huo Sanyan left, Yi Xiao let out a sigh of relief. He began to worry how long they'd be able to keep the relationship between the young master and Xu Xiyan a secret.

Xu Xiyan had no idea about the scandal that was forming outside.

She had been staying by Ying Bao's side for the past two days.

Ying Bao's vomiting had stopped, and she was in better shape than the day before. The doctor told them that she would be ready for discharge after one more day in the hospital.

The little cutie sat on the bed, blinking her big, sleepy eyes. She sat quietly as Xu Xiyan fed her congee, one spoonful after another.

After she'd finish a bowl of congee, Ying Bao licked her lips and stared at the empty container.

"Xi baby, are there any more congees left?" She rubbed her belly.

Xu Xiyan set the bowl on a table and helped Ying Bao wipe her mouth with a paper towel.

"The doctor said you're still recovering and that your stomach is still weak. You shouldn't eat any more right now. I'll let you eat more once you're out of the hospital, okay?"

"Fine. I'll listen to Xi baby and the doctors," said Ying Bao, slightly disappointed.

"Good girl." Xu Xiyan patted Ying Bao on the head.

Ying Bao suddenly remembered something and grabbed Xu Xiyan's hand.

"Xi baby, didn't you say that you'd bring me to great-grandpa's house today? What should we do since I'm in the hospital now? Will he be worried if we don't show up?"

"He won't." Xu Xiyan took her daughter's hand. "I've already told him what happened. He said he will come to visit you in the hospital."

"Really? What does he look like? Does he have white hair and a long beard? Does he have a crooked back?"

Ying Bao tilted her head and began to wonder what her great-grandfather looked like. She asked if he would be like all those old men that she had seen in story books.

As she thought about this, the door opened and two people came in.

"Grandpa, Uncle Li, you two came!" Xu Xiyan stood when she saw that it was her grandfather Jing Huaduo and the Jing family's butler, Uncle Li.

"Yanyan!" Jing Huaduo smiled gently as he walked into the room.

The old man had white hair and a long beard. He was already 71, but he was still healthy and had no vision or hearing problems. He walked as swift as the wind and kept his back up straight.

The Jing family has been practicing traditional Chinese medicine for generations. They opened up a clinic named Renjing Chinese Medicine Hall, and as one of the oldest doctors there, Jing Huaduo was well-known around the world. He had always taken care of his body, and remained free from severe and minor sickness.

"Grandpa, didn't I tell you not to come?" asked Xu Xiyao. "I'll take the kid to meet you once she's fully healed." She took a basket of fruit from Uncle Li.

"But I was so eager to see my great-granddaughter!"

When Jing Huaduo had heard that his granddaughter was coming back, and that she'd be bringing a 4-year-old daughter, he wanted to meet them as soon as possible.

They were supposed to meet that day, but when Ying Bao had suddenly come down with a sickness, he decided to go out of his way to come and meet them.

Jing Huaduo stood beside the bed and looked at the little thing lying in it.

The little girl's skin was slightly pinked, her face full of energy, her body well-fed. One sight and he knew the little girl was smart, and would bring them happiness in the future.

As soon as Jing Huaduo laid his eyes on Ying Bao, he instantly fell in love with her.

Ying Bao stared at the old man in front of her with her starry eyes. She'd already known that he was her great-grandfather and didn't wait for him to start speaking.

"I know who you are," Ying Bao said with her cute little voice.